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Dear Mr. Ferrater,

Dr. Hovey informs me that the only thing that will satisfy the Dean (Meyer) here is a letter, sent by the Graduate Office, indicating that "all requirements for the degree have been completed and that the degree will be conferred date." Dr. Hovey stresses that the "wording" is very important; even if, indeed, the so-called defense is a formality.

I have no idea how far Miss Laska or Mrs. Carland would be willing to stretch wording or contract ~~technicalities~~ technicalities. I suppose the whole thing hinges on what constitutes a "requirement."

At any rate, I hope you will advise me about any possibilities you see in this situation; if, indeed, there are any, other than completing the dissertation by May. (And, I am not really sure about that deadline.)

I hope you are well, and that the chairmanship is proving to be a more effective post.

Sincerely,
Caroline Fideck

May 10th.